THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. However the proposal for handling import of diesel through SBM of a private party at Hazira was not found feasible and was not pursued further. However, the proposal for export of NGL through this SBM was approved on commercial terms and conditions to be finalised between two commercial concerns. No guaranteed throughput was envisaged as the quantities of NGL available for export would depend on the actual indigenous consumption of this product.

Import, Production and requirement of LPG

1969. SHRI T. M. VENKATACHALAM: Will the PRIME MINSITER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantum of liquified petroleum gas being produced in the country, per year;

(b) what is the quantum of LPG being imported, annually; and

(c) what is the annual requirement of LPG in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETRUOLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) to (c) Details of the LPG production, import and demand during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 are given as under:—

(Figs in TMT)

Year	LPG Production	Imports by PSU Oil Co's	LPG sales (demand) by PSU Oil Companies
1993-94	2699	410	3113
1994-95	2858	592	3434
1995-96 (Prov.)	3253	678	3849

Sale of Imported Gas at cheap rates by Shell

1970. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem captioned "Imported gas being sold at cheaper rates by Shell", which appeared in the Afternoon Despatch and Courier dated the 29th January, 1997; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T. R. BAALU): (a) and (b) M/s Bharat Shell is importing and marketing LPG under parallel marketing scheme (PMS). The party is free to market LPG at the rates fixed by them as per their own policies under PMS.

Piped supply of LPG in Andhra Pradesh

1971. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Gas Authority of India Limited has any plans to construct and operate a piped domestic LPG supply network in Andhra Pradesh; and

(b) whether any survey of the feasibility has been conducted in the State by the Gas Authority of India Limited?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No Sir.

Sale of adulterated Petrol and Diesel in Delhi

1972. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA:

SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that pollution in Delhi is growing due to sale of adulter-

ated petorl and diesel by petrol pump owners, particularly in South Delhi areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any enquiry against the petrol pumps selling adulterated petrol and diesel during the last three years;

(d) whether Government have also received complaints that most of the petrol pumps on the Ring Road near Dhaula Kuan and Moti Bagh are selling adulterated petrol and diesel; and

(e) if so, the corrective measures taken by Government so far in this regard and if no action has been taken, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) No cases of sale of adulterated petrol/diesel by retail outlets in Delhi have been detected recently.

(c) In order to check adulteration of petrol/diesel, retail outlets are inspected regularly by the field officers of the oil companies. Regular/surprise inspections are also conducted by Joint Industry Teams, mobile laboratories and state Government enforcement agencies. In proven cases of adulteration, action is taken under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

A special campaign was conducted by the Oil Industry for checking adulteration at retail outlets in Delhi for one month with effect from 20.12.1996. All retail outlets in Delhi were inspected by the Industry Team, and no case of adulteration was detected.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Award of D-l and D-18 Oilfields to IOC

1973. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to award discovered oil-fields D-l and D-18 to IOC; if so, the details thereof, along-with the terms and conditions of the award;

(b) whether Government have received any request from the ONGC for development of the above oil-fields on the same terms and conditions, as are being considered for IOC; and

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE N THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) Government Of India has received a proposal from IOC for the award of D-l and D-18 fields on a nomination basis on the same terms and conditions as are being offered for private participation for development of discovered fields.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No decision has been taken.

Decline in Crude. Oil Production

1974. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR:
SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that while country was galping towards self-sufficiency in crude oil in seventies and eigh-ties, it drifted away from that goal in 1990 and its production came down from 60% in 1991 to 48% in 1995-96;

(b) how for it is attributed to increase in motor vehicles, industrialisation and dieselization of Railways; and

(c) whether there is any action plan to lead the country towards self-reliance in crude oil?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) and (b) The level of self sufficiency in crude, oil production has